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HAWAIIAN LEGISLATURE. House of Representatives.

FIRST DAY—May 1.—The Representatives elected convened this morning at 10 o'clock, at 10 o'clock, O. H. GILKICK, Esq., Clerk of the last session, called the members to order, and received the certificates of election. 23 members were present. The House then proceeded to the election of its officers.

Wm. WINTERS was elected Speaker with but little opposition. O. H. GILKICK—Recording Clerk. W. CHAMBERLAIN—Engraving Clerk. W. C. PARKER—Sergeant at Arms.

Upon the motion of a Chairman for the House, some discussion arose, when Mr. Baldwin moved that the Rules of the House of Representatives for 1860, including the section providing for the appointment of a Chairman, be adopted as the Rules for the present session.

Mr. Wideman moved to adopt these Rules, striking out the section allowing the Chairman pay—on the ground that the office of a Chairman with pay was unnecessary, as many of the members of the House could perform his duties, and thus save expense.

Messrs. Baldwin, Kipi, and Kakuana, on the contrary, contending that the House should have its paid Chairman, as a time-honored custom, and that the expense would be trifling compared with the appropriations that had been made for less important officers.

Mr. Wideman's motion was carried 12 to 10. Rev. Lowell Smith was appointed Chaplain. Adjourned.

SECOND DAY—May 2.—Minutes read and approved. Prayer by Rev. L. Smith, the Chaplain.

The Speaker announced the following standing committees:

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. Wideman, Kipi, Harris, Rhodes and Kakuana.

Committee on Foreign Affairs.—Messrs. Kakuana, Kakuana, Baldwin, Kakuana, and Alapai.

Committee on Government Lands and Internal Improvements.—Messrs. Rhodes, Kakuana, Kakuana, Kakuana, and Kakuana.

Committee on Education.—Messrs. Baldwin, Kakuana, Kakuana, and Kakuana.

Committee on Judiciary.—Messrs. Harris, Kakuana, Kakuana, Kakuana, and Kakuana.

Committee on Commerce.—Messrs. Dowsett, Wideman, Kipi, Kakuana, and Kakuana.

Committee on Manufactures.—Messrs. Kakuana, Kakuana, Dowsett, Nuanu, and Kakuana.

Committee on Military.—Messrs. Manini, Kakuana, Kakuana, Kakuana, and Kakuana.

Committee on Accounts.—Messrs. Kipi, Kakuana, Kakuana, Kakuana, and Kakuana.

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FOREIGN NEWS!

Telegraphic Dispatches—April 8-11.

Washington, April 8.—Following is a summary of intelligence received by the War Department up to 10 o'clock last night, of the operations of the army at Fort Mifflin, Pa. At Yorktown, yesterday, the rebels were repulsed by the army of General McClellan, and found to be very strong, and the approaches difficult. The enemy was in force, and the water batteries of Yorktown and Gloucester were shelled. There was slight progress on the right, but no damage was done. It seemed plain that mortars and siege guns must be used for assaulting.

Another dispatch received at 10:30 this morning states that Yorktown must fall without a siege in two or three days. Some other works have been taken.

General Wool telegraphs that Magruder had 30,000 men at Yorktown.

On the afternoon of Sunday, Ship Point had been taken, our gunboats shelling out the batteries. All fortified places of importance, before Yorktown, will be taken.

NEWS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

New York, April 8.—The steamer *Ellis Terry* from Newbern, N. C., April 3, has arrived. Information had been received at Newbern, that the rebel army had evacuated Newbern, and that the army estimated at from 20,000 to 40,000, and that an attack was to be made on Newbern at an early day. The Federal army, according to our information, had been at the last night, and the rebels had been repulsed. The spirits of our soldiers are excellent. The result of the battle, which they evidently expect, is not questioned. It was understood that General Sherman would lead the Rebels against him; and that he was making immediate preparation for holding his position.

THE EMANCIPATION QUESTION.

In the House a resolution was offered, providing for the appointment of a committee of nine, to inquire and report at an early day whether any plan can be proposed, as recommended, for the gradual emancipation of the colored people in the District of Columbia, in the border States by the local authorities; and then, whether such object is expedient or desirable; further, to inquire and report whether the colonization of the colored people in the border States is expedient or desirable; and, if so, to what extent, and by what means.

A petition was presented from Kaniapali, Maui, praying that horses, mules, &c., be included under the property tax.

From Hanalei, Kauai, that the horse tax be reduced to 50 cents per head.

One from Naeve of Kohala, against the validity of the election of the members from Kona, Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui.

One from Hilo, asking an appropriation for a Hospital for that place; that any one be allowed to collect for himself whatever grew on Public Lands; the restriction on the sale of land be removed; and that worthless and prodigal government officers, whether high or low, be dismissed from office. This latter clause, by motion of Mr. Dowsett, tabled.

A petition was presented from Postmaster General Clark praying that he be not held responsible for the loss of government funds, stolen from his office in July, 1861.

One from Hanalei, Maui, for certain mail privileges for that place; that horses be included under the property tax; and that the property tax be reduced to 4 per cent. The last clause was tabled. The above petitions were referred to the various appropriate committees.

From Puna, Hawaii, notice of his intention to present a bill providing for the payment into the public treasury of the common school funds.

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Foreign Summary.

A French Commission, formed for establishing regular steam communication between France and the West Indies and New York, are under contract to provide for the service.

Wool is now higher than it has been for forty-one years. This is owing to the large demand for Army goods, and to the advanced price of cotton. It will soon fall to low again as it has been late years.

The Southern Commissioners have been denied any space in the World's Fair at London, on the ground that the allotment of a place to them might be construed into an implied recognition of the Confederacy.

Rev. Edward Arnold, the grandson of Benedict Arnold, the traitor, rector of a church in Hartford, Conn., has fallen heir to some land, valued at \$100,000, by the English Government to his Grandfather, which are now worth over \$200,000.

There are four hundred and eleven female postmasters in the United States. Several of these have been retained in office for quite a long term of years, are having been appointed in 1838, another in 1831, and others respectively in 1838, 1841, 1849, 1850, and 1851.

A Mormon woman thus writes to a female friend: "While you of the North and South have gone to killing each other off, we of Salt Lake are populating the country with extraordinary rapidity. The number of our children has increased to nine children here in one week."

Mr. Reisinger, in the Ohio Assembly, recently moved that the speaker disperse with calling on the clergy of Columbus to open the House with prayer, deeming it unjust to request it with almsgiving, and that he call on the members, in alphabetical order.

The Union Mutual Insurance Company of New Bedford, have decided to pay their assurance on the bark *Ellen Dodge*, of that port, burnt by the pirate Sloop, and further, that all losses sustained by the acts of Southern confederate vessels or privateers shall be paid.

The "Congressional Directory," at the head of the alphabetical list of senators and representatives, says: "The United States Congress, 36th Congress, 1st Session, 1859-60. This has given rise to the new work in Washington society—'How's your news?'"

AN EPICUREAN ACCIDENT.—On New Year's day, the lady of Baron Stock, the Russian Minister, presented him a fine heir and to the Emperor a new subject. The event has elicited many congratulations.

Mr. Smith, of the Boston Herald, has been elected Mayor of Massachusetts. She has thus added a new link to the bond of affinity existing between the two nations.

The news of the surrender of Fort Donelson was announced in the United States Senate, the audience in the gallery cheered, and Vice President Lincoln arose as if to check the feeling thus demonstrated, when the cheering ceased, and he said, "Cheer away; it is in order to cheer boys," and those in the galleries gave the loudest cheer.

On the 27th inst., a high bluff on the south bank of the Cumberland river, the city contains about 25,000 inhabitants, and has a large number of public buildings, chief among which is the capitol, which is a fine structure of granite, and contains many fine works of art.

The "University of Nashville" and several educational institutions are located here, most of which have been in operation for many years. Churches abound, there being no less than 27 in the municipality. Five rail roads, all of them of considerable importance, radiate from here, and give it a great position.

IN FAVOR OF BLACK TROOPS.

A Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says that the advocates are going on here to impress the Southern States with the necessity of manning the Southern frontiers with black soldiers, in order to save from the Southern climate white soldiers. There is some foundation for this statement. This policy will be urged in the Senate next week.

NATIONAL FINANCES.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Stevens, from the Committee on Ways and Means, stated to the House to-day that the expenditures of the Government for the year 1861, would be \$1,000,000,000, and that the National debt will amount to twelve hundred millions if the war ended this season.

VENERABLE ADVICE.

W. H. PIERCE, father of the ex-President, has arrived at a work on the Constitution. He expresses the opinion that such a measure would do more to make the Rebel States loyal than any other that could be adopted.

NEWS FROM BURNSIDE'S EXPEDITION.

Tugs have arrived from Newbern, and bring little news. Reports are current that Burnside has been ordered by the Rebels to evacuate Newbern; he reported to the Union army that he had been ordered to evacuate Newbern. Extensive preparations are being made for its reduction. A few shells have been thrown into it.

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